

Black Harding Cover Helps to Identify Pattern T97A

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What a terrible perfin cover! The stamp is visibly way off center and it is on a return reply cover that wasn't even used because neither had the stamp been cancelled nor the envelope sealed.

However, just maybe this would be the once in a great while that such a cover could add some information to perfin collecting. A careful look at the

"B" in the "TSB" indicates that this is pattern **T97A** - a B+! And checking the catalog user listing shows a blank space! ...one more user identified! Brad Baker, U.S. Catalog Chairman concurs and advises this new identification, "The State Bank, New York, NY", will be in the next Additions and Corrections.

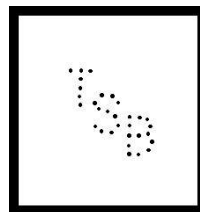
Wow, what a fun hobby we perfin collectors have!



Unused Cover with Pattern T97A
(Size reduced to 50% of actual size)



Stamp cropped
from cover
(Actual size)



Perfin electronically
"lifted" from stamp
(Actual size)

Note: Horizontal Bar
and Bottom of "B"